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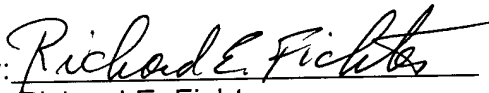
**REMARKS**

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, drawn to a sample analysis system which includes claims 1-9 and 17-25, without traverse. Applicant has canceled claims 10-16 without prejudice or disclaimer and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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